

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Manning at 7:02 P.M.

Roll call showed that Mayor Manning, Councilman Patricelli, and Councilman McGrouty were present.

Also present from City Administration were: Acting City Manager Mark Spain, City Clerk & Clerk to the Council Dave Wheatley, Director of Finance Mike McNeff, Police Chief Anthony Geraci, Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban and Deputy Director of Finance Amanda Austin.

Councilman Patricelli made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the previous meeting, which Councilman McGrouty seconded. A vote was then taken to dispense with the minutes that passed unanimously.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

NONE

**OLD BUSINESSs**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 9691 – This resolution was read as 9891 and should have been 9691.**  
The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs David Wheatley, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to advertise once in the official newspaper that sealed bids will be received in the City Clerk's Office of the City of Watervliet, City Hall, 2 Fifteenth Street, Watervliet, New York 12189 until 10:00 AM on January 2, 2020 for furnishing Chlorine for the City of Watervliet Water Department.

Acting City Manager Mark Spain advised that this was a re-bid for the Chlorine. He advised that the City received one bid during the previous solicitation, but the bid was one day late.

Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli which was seconded by Councilman McGrouty this Ordinance was passed 3-0.

**Resolution No. 9892** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an Inter Municipal Agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Village of Green Island for water supply and sale, and further authorizes and directs Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute same.

**This resolution was not read. Therefore resolution No. 9693 was changed to resolution No. 9692.**

**Resolution No. 9692 – This resolution was read as 9892 and should have been 9692.**

The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves agreements between the City of Watervliet and Triad Group, LLC, Fleury Risk Management, LLC, and Midwest Employers Casualty Company, and further authorizes and directs Mayor Michael P. Manning to execute same.

Director of Finance Mike McNeff explained that this is the last step in the process for the City to go fully self-insured in 2020. He explained the benefits of going with each company and advised of the savings it is believed the City will recognize by going with these providers.

Upon a motion from Councilman McGrouty which was seconded by Councilman Patricelli this resolution was passed 3-0.

**Ordinance No. 2019** – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet adopting the annual estimate and fixing the rate to be employed in computing the amount to be collected for the City taxes for the year beginning January 1, 2020.

Director of Finance Mike McNeff advised that this was to approve the City's tax levy for the year 2020.

Upon a motion by Councilman Patricelli which was seconded by Councilman McGrouty this Ordinance was passed 3-0.

**Ordinance No. 2020** – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York adopting the rate to be employed in computing the amount to be collected for State and County Tax pursuant to Section 116 of Chapter 462 of the Laws of 1918

Mayor Manning advised that this ordinance was to give the City the authority to collect taxes for Albany County.

Upon a motion from Councilman McGrouty which was seconded by Councilman Patricelli this resolution was passed 3-0.

## **APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING**

NONE

**Prior to the opening of the Public Comment Period the following items were discussed.**

- Mayor Mike Manning advised that the City was awarded grants in the amount of \$1.25 million for sewer work, \$3 million for drinking water infrastructure, \$38,000 for the update of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan and \$200,000 for a Microenterprise grant. He advised that the \$3 million grant was the largest grant received by the City to-date. The Mayor thanked Dave Wheatley and Paul Murphy for their work on the applications. He also thanked Mr. Murphy for writing all the City grants and stated that Mr. Murphy's applications have been well above average in their successfulness.
- Acting City Manager Mark Spain recognized Mayor Manning and Councilman McGrouty and thanked them for their service to the City of Watervliet as this was their last council meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**Paul Huban 1500 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue** – Mr. Huban asked about the paving done between 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Clinton Avenue by National Grid. He stated that the work has settled. Mr. Huban stated that someone from the City needs to be responsible for overseeing the work done by contractors such as National Grid.

**Jeremy Smith 3 Railroad Avenue** – Mr. Smith congratulated Mayor Mike Manning and Councilman Frank McGrouty on their successful careers in municipal government. He also congratulated Councilman Charles Patricelli on being elected the next Mayor of Watervliet.

Mr. Smith explained that it is his belief that the City of Watervliet went from its worst financial position when Mayor Manning took over the office and how upon his leaving office at the end of the year the City is in its best financial position. He took the next few minutes to explain the ways that he believes the Mayor achieved these goals.

He again thanked the Mayor for his accomplishments and for all that he did for him personally.

Councilman Patricelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilman McGrouty and after a 3-0 vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

**Next Meeting: January 2, 2020 7:00pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

David C. Wheatley  
City Clerk & Clerk to the Council